



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 31, 2025

Dear Preschool Families,

This week we celebrated our wonderful tradition of Catholic Schools Week! On Monday, we celebrated our school and wore our spirit/turkey trot t-shirt. Pajama & Movie Day was on Tuesday and we watched "A Bugs Life". On Wednesday, we had our Teddy Bear Picnic in the garden. The children enjoyed their lunch with their friends and teddy bears. Thursday was craft day and each child made a rosary with special beads. We ended the week celebrating our wonderful grandparents! We were delighted to see many grandparents come and visit our preschool. Each class had a special activity for the child and grandparent to make together.

This week the Sunflower teachers continued their lesson on Arctic animals. During religion the teachers read the bible story, "Jonah and the Big Fish" and watched "Big Ideas Jonah" a VeggieTales Movie. On Wednesday, the children practiced their cutting skills by cutting lines on an Arctic animal worksheet.

Ms. Fitts and Ms. Sandy (Substitute) reviewed letters & number 15. The children practiced tracing and writing number 15. On Wednesday, the Buzzy Bees traveled to France on Imaginary Airlines and had a croissant. They also reviewed their France facts book.

BUZZY BEE 1 CLASS UPDATE

Parents, we are working on interviewing candidates for our Preschool Teacher position. At this time, Child Care Careers substitute agency have been providing us with fully qualified teachers to teach the children in the Buzzy Bee 1 class until we hire a teacher. I am working together with Ms. Fitts in preparing the weekly lessons to have ready for substitutes. We will continue to

provide academic learning for the children. Both Buzzy Bee classes follow the same lesson plan. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Gesell Assessment for Buzzy Bees: The Parent Questionnaires that were sent home are now due! Please let us know if your child will not be returning to Nazareth, however, if your child will be attending Kindergarten here at Nazareth, they **MUST** be assessed. You will receive a letter regarding your child's assessment the day of your Parent-Teacher conference.

PRESCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you for your quick response in signing up for your Parent-Teacher Conference. It is important that you sign-up to meet with your child's teacher. We will have morning and afternoon appointments. If the scheduled days don't work for you, please talk to your child's teacher.

NAZARETH NIGHT

As the Nazareth Night Committee is preparing for our Annual Auction Dinner Dance, we want to thank the parents that signed up to volunteer and help with the Sunflower & Buzzy Bee class projects! We greatly appreciate it! Please be sure to turn in your required immunizations to volunteer with class projects if you will be working with the children.

PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Due to the health and safety of the children and staff, State Licensing requires that all volunteers submit required immunizations. Parents, anytime you sign-up to volunteer or be present in any of the preschool events, you **MUST** be sure that you have turned in a copy of your current TB test, Tdap, MMR, flu shot and Covid card. You must also complete the CMG

Connect training that you may find on our school website. The fee for the training is \$25.00. Please fill out the Statement of Good Health form too. We want to thank all of the parents who have submitted the required immunizations.

NAZARETH SCHOOL PARENT HANDBOOK (Preschool – Grade Eight)

Please see the attached link to our Nazareth School Family Handbook. To view and read the Family Handbook digitally please go on the school website and click on the following link:

[Nazareth School Family Handbook](#)

After reviewing the handbook, we ask you to please digitally sign the Parent/Guardian and student-acknowledgments via the link below:

[Family Handbook Acknowledgment Form](#)

SIGN-IN & OUT

Parents, please sign in and out as you enter the building. Full signature **NO** initials! This is a State Licensing Regulation. Just a reminder: When you sign your child out, your child is no longer under our care and you **MUST** take your child with you.

SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought muffins, veggies and fruit. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Jimenez, Senter, Grubba & Huruy), veggies (Ouimette & Huruy) and fresh fruit (Schulte). Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts to attach to your Service Hour sheet and return in your white envelope. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged. If you sign -up for your child's class, please make sure that the snack is enough for both classes.

PRESCHOOL OPERATING HOURS

The preschool operating hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm. The main entrance door will be open from 7:00am to 8:15am for drop off. We ask that you please arrive on time. If you arrive after 8:15am, please ring the doorbell and a preschool staff member will come to the door as soon as we are able to. In the afternoon for pick-up, the door will be open from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Parents, please keep in mind that if you arrive late, it may take a few minutes to get to the door as teachers are taking their morning breaks. If you are picking up early, please pick up at 12:30 pm, as this is also a time when it may take a few minutes to come to the door, as teachers are taking their lunch breaks.

AFTERCARE

We provide aftercare from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (\$4.50 per hour). Aftercare pick-up is on the Northeast side of the preschool building (Sunflower Playground or Preschool Aftercare room). We lock the main entrance door promptly at 4:00 pm and transition the children to aftercare.

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ROUTE

We want to remind you that our drop off and pick up route is a **ONE WAY ONLY!** You **MUST** drive up Nazareth Drive off of San Diego Mission Road. You may park in the parking lot to your right or pull up front to the main entrance roundabout in front of the St. Joseph's building. **Please be sure to sign your child in and walk them to class.** After drop off or pick up, you **MUST** merge and continue through the school road and drive out onto Rancho Mission Road. You may **NOT** exit back down Nazareth Drive!

During pick up, if you do not have an upper grade school student, you may merge into the exit lane to your left and drive towards the parking lot and between the signs to exit. You do not have to wait in line.

If you have a preschooler and an upper grade school student, please drop off preschooler first and then upper grade student. If you exit through the door next to the Sunflower classroom, you may **NOT** come back in through that door. You **MUST** go around the building.

Our preschool main entrance and exit door is located on the SW side of the St. Joseph building.

STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

Please contact Nazareth Preschool at 619-641-7954 or Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987. You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org

We must continue to follow the K-12 & Childcare Guide for Covid-19 (August 1, 2024)

It is very important that you call and report your child's absence. Please test your child and complete the Attestation Form that you are able to obtain from us. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return. The first test is done when child has symptoms and the second test is 12-24 hours after first test. Your child may return when they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication AND other non-fever symptoms are mild and improving.

Parents, please keep your child home if she/he is sick and presenting any of the following Covid-19 symptoms:

- Fever with or without chills
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Nasal Congestion
- Sore Throat
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor feeding or poor appetite
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

If your child presents any of the symptoms stated above during school time, we will have to send your child home. Please keep in mind that we continue to follow the school protocols to keep children and staff safe.

If your child has allergies, please be sure to bring in a doctor's note, otherwise we will send your child home.

Please remember to return your family envelope by Thursday each week. Place it in your child's file folder.

Grandparents Prayer

God of love,

We thank you for our wonderful grandparents.

They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.

Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.

Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now.

May they know your goodness and love always.

- Author Unknown

Have a blessed weekend!

Important Dates to Remember:

Feb. 7 – Half Day / Preschool will close at noon / No Aftercare

Feb. 11-14 – Sunflower Parent-Teacher Conferences

Feb. 14- Valentine’s Day

Feb. 17- Presidents’ Day Holiday / No School

Feb. 18-21 – Buzzy Bee Parent-Teacher Conferences

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan

Nazareth Preschool Director